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Meeting Minutes 03/26/2008

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/26/08

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*		Dunn	Phelps*	Mahoney
DeCourcey	Connors*	Simmons	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Brian Sullivan

MINUTES not presented.

BUD 12 REGISTRAR: GenGov SubCon (DuBois), using a handout, discussed the job description provided by the Town Clerk for the proposed new position. She recommended \$5000 which would pay for part time help during busy times. This would still show the Town Clerk's budgets over the 2.7% limit.

VOTED \$65,916. Unanimous.

ART 54 CAPITAL BUDGET: Finance SubCom(Foskett) reported that the rink chiller was \$26k over budget. He proposed to reduced the carry forward to FY09 accordingly. He will provide a revised vote package.

VOTED to reduce the capital budget carry forward to FY 09 by \$26,000. Unanimous.

ART 49 RECLASSIFICATIONS: Personnel SubCon(Phelps) provided an annotated recommended vote from the Personnel Director. Two of the grade increases were approved after appeal to the Personnel Review Board. Phelps will find out how many reclass requests were made.

VOTED \$21733 and favorable action. Unanimous.

ART 50 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: Sullivan provided a handout showing settlements w/ the Librarians & the Firemen. Both will receive COLAs of 2.5% in FY09 and a 1/2% increase in FY 09 for the health insurance copay agreement. Both unions also will receive retroactive COLAs for previous years in line with previous year budgets.

VOTED \$791,300 of which \$411,300 will be from FY09 receipts and the rest from past Town Meeting votes. Unanimous.

ART 51 FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

VOTED \$587,500 as recommended by the Manager.

ART 57 SEWERS Sullivan recommended borrowing funds to repair water and sewer pipes in East Arlington.

VOTED \$100,000 (\$270k from MWRA & \$330k bonded) Unanimous.

ART 58 WATER:

VOTED \$1.3M from MWRA loan. Unanimous.

RINK EF: Sullivan reviewed his approach to rebuilding the rink. He would like to, in addition to rebuilding, expand the facility to include another ice sheet. With the efforts of the group that wants another rink, he hopes to raise funds to pay for part of the construction and then to use revenues from the expanded facility to pay the rest. He expects the feasibility study to cost \$45k and has identified several sources including retained earning in the enterprise fund.

CROSBY & PARMENTER: Sullivan wants to sign a lease that offers the Town "flexibility". He aims to have a plan for these facilities ready for the 2009 Town Meeting.

ART 26 SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL: Members agreed that the Town can not afford this desirable program.

VOTED no action. Tosti to draft an appropriate comment for review. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Tosti asked members to carefully review the drafts of the FinCom report to be sent by email. No meeting 4/2, 4/7, 4/9. Wrapup mtg on 4/14. A proposed wrapup dinner date is 6/11.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$274,943.28

Peter B Howard 3/27/08

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 1/28	# 2/4	# 2/20	# 3/5	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
18	5	17	17	Bylaw Amend 1,1,2, Open Warrant	3/5		No report
27	7	19	19	Bylaw Amend Afford House Trust	3/5	3/5	No action
20	14	26	26	Bylaw Amend Snow Removal	2/25	3/26	No action
21	15	27	27	Bylaw Amend 1,18 Mtg Notices	2/4		No report.
63	39	40	41	Increase Accidental Death Benefit	2/4	2/4	Favorable action
64	40	41	42	Extend Benefits	2/4 2/20	2/4	No Action Dunn to write comment.
62	41	42	43	Pension Adjustments	2/4	2/4	Favorable action
66	43	43	44	Transfer to OPEB Funds	2/27	3/24	Favorable action.
65	42	43	45	Transfer OPEB Funds	2/4 3/5	3/5	No action
68	44	45	46	Borrowing for OPEB	2/11, 2/27, 3/24	3/24	\$50,000 11-1
67	45	46	47	Pension Obligation Funds	2/11, 2/27	3/17	15-1 w/ separate votes on constraints
45	47	48	49	Positions reclassification	2/27	2/26	21733
43	48	49	50	Collective Bargaining	2/27,3/26	3/26	411300
44	49	50	51	Future Collective Bargaining	3/26	3/26	587500
46	51	52	53	Budgets			
47	52	53	54	Capital Budget	3/3	3/5, 3/26	5309490
	54	55	Thompson School	3/10	3/10	No action	
54	55	56	Swimming Pool	2/6	2/6	Favorable action \$0	
55	55	56	57	Sewers	3/26	3/26	100000
56	56	57	58	Water	3/26	3/26	1300000
48	57	58	59	Rescind authority to borrow	3/3	3/3	2724175
50	58	59	60	Minuteman Tech	3/5	3/5	3153412
51	59	60	61	Town Celebrations			Twn Man
53	60	61	62	Committees & Commissions	2/27		Same as last year
	62	63	TAC Appropriation	2/20	2/20, 3/10	No action - rollover ok	
52	62	63	64	Miscellaneous	2/27	3/10	12729
28	63	64	65	Town Water Bodies	2/27,3/10	3/10	15000 & favorable action on home rule
70	64	65	66	Harry Barber Service		3/10	7500 max

				Program			13-1
69	66	66	67	Local Option Taxes		3/10	No report at this time.
72	67	67	68	Tip Fee Stab Fund		3/10	680000
58	68	68	69	Tip Fund Money Appropriation	2/6	2/6	No action
73	69	69	70	Cemetery		3/10	190000
74	70	70	71	Overlay Reserve Surplus		3/10	500000
75	71	71	72	Stabilization Fund			
76	72	72	73	Free Cash		3/10	1818787
59	73	73	74	Medicare Part D Reimbursement	2/6	2/6	No action 9-2
	74	74	75	CRB Report	2/6 2/11	2/6 2/11	Favorable Action Para 1 & 3 Request not require
57	75	75	76	Services to Non-Profits	2/6, 2/27	2/6	No report 9-1 Encourage followthrough
60	76	76	77	SPED	2/6	2/6	No action

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/11	2/11	10778	
2	Board of Selectmen	2/20	2/20	398558	
3	Town Manager	3/3	3/3	460104	
4	Personnel	3/3	3/3	190113	
5	Information Technology	2/27	2/27	525,813	
6	Comptroller	2/27	2/27	384,443	
7	Treasurer	3/17	3/17	577693	15-0-1
8	Postage	3/17	3/17	159382	15-0-1
9	Assessors	3/3	3/3	301270	
10	Legal	2/20	2/20	460047	
11	Town Clerk	3/3	3/3	234177	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/3, 3/26	3/26	65916	
13	Parking	3/17	3/17	99243	15-0-1
14	Planning	3/10	3/17	228266	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/10	3/10	328223	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/11	2/11	23311	
17	Public Works	2/11	3/17	6775374	
17a	Street Lights	2/20	2/20	418893	
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/17	3/17	373299	
18b	Police	3/17	3/17	5487813	
18c	Fire	3/10	3/10	5009209	9-5
18d	Support	3/17	3/17	684043	
19	Inspections	3/17	3/17	351192	

20	Education	2/25	3/17	37878871	
21	Library	2/20	2/20	1898988	
22a	Health & Human Services	3/10	3/10	276376	
22b	Veterans	3/10	3/10	236934	
22c	COA	3/10	3/10	143322	
23	Retirement	3/17	3/17	6951511	
24	Insurance	3/24	3/24	16770240	
25	Reserve Fund	2/20	2/20	450000	
W&S EF	Ex14867576 Rev14876640	3/24	3/24		
Rec EF	Ex 655,016 Rev 689,060	3/24	3/24		
Rnk EF	Ex 521391 Rev 623073	3/24	3/24		
COA EF	Ex109543, Rev109593	3/10	3/10	0	
Youth EF	Ex 486424, Rev192832	3/17	3/17	293592	